

### Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2005. Claims 3-5, 15-19,21,22 and 24-39 are pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 15-19, 22 and 25-28 were withdrawn from consideration. In the current Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 3-5, 21 and 24 and rejected claims 29-39. The present Response cancels claims 15-19, 22, 25-39, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 3-5, 21, and 24. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

**I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(A) OVER AZELTON ET AL. (U.S. PAT. 5,799,796) IN VIEW OF LIDGARD (U.S. PAT. 2,769,534)**

***Claims 29-39***

The Examiner rejected Claims 29-39 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent number 5,799,796 to *Azelton et al.* in view of U.S. Patent number 2,769,534 to *Lidgard*. In the interest of further prosecution, Applicants request cancellation of claims 29-39. Applicants will pursue the subject matter of claims 29-39 in a continuation application.

**II. ALLOWED CLAIMS**

***Claims 3-5, 21 and 24***

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 3-5, 21 and 24 are allowable.


**III. CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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